

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend page 13, paragraph [0039], lines 6-13, as follows:

FIG. 2 is an illustrative example of a user interface window 200 for selecting a collaborative conversation channel. The user interface window 200 may be accessible through a portal, for example. A basic taxonomy area 205 provides a scrollable listing of basic categories of communities (e.g., new technology, locations, product lines, etc.). A user can select a particular basic category, which may be highlighted (as indicated at 210), and the specific communities/collaborative conversation channels for the selected category may be displayed as a scrollable list in a channel window 215. The user can then select a particular channel or community for which to create a message.